

**Workers Statement: Maria Cerrato**  
**HB 6877: AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM WORK WEEK FOR PERSONS PERFORMING**  
**JANITORIAL WORK**

Hello, and thank you members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. My name is Maria Cerrato and I've been working as a part-time cleaner at Sikorsky in Stratford, CT for the last 6 years. I make \$13.65 per hour and work only 24 hours. I have a really hard time making ends meet. Each month is a struggle. Luckily, I have health insurance, which I pay \$2 a month. But I have a mountain of medical bills to pay. I almost do not want to go to the doctor because of the bills. I just got a bill for \$1200 and another \$600 from my primary doctor. I do not know how to pay them, honestly.

I survive because my son is helping me. \$200 a month just doesn't cut it.

Reaching full-time would be a blessing. It is something that I could do, I have the energy to do and it's needed.

The question is: why are companies allowed to employ us this way? It's clear that we can create a better system where everyone wins. I ask you to consider the Better Jobs Act so we can all move forward.

Thank You